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This declaration is directed to:

The attached application, or
 Application No. _____, filed on June 26, 2003,
 as amended on _____ (if applicable);

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the National or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application, if applicable; and

All statements made herein of my/own knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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PATENT

Aventis Docket No. DEAV2002/0046US NP

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: **Laszlo Vertes**

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Serial No.: **10/608,466**

Group Art Unit.: To Be Assigned

Filed: **June 27, 2003**

Title: **Polyenecarboxylic acid derivatives, processes for
preparing them, and their use**

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Dear Sir:

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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor(s) I/We hereby declare that:

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I/We verily believe I am/we are the original, first and sole/joint inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Polyenecarboxylic acid derivatives, processes for preparing them, and their use

and the specification of which is attached hereto (Aventis Docket No. DEAV2002/0046US NP)
(check one) was filed on **June 27, 2003** as U.S. Application Number 10/608466
and was amended on _____ (if applicable).
 was described and claimed in PCT Int'l Application Number _____ filed on _____
and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if any).

I/We hereby state that I/We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I/We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States Provisional application(s) listed below:

60/423,473 4 November 2002
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I/We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 or 365(c) of any United States application(s) or international application designating the United States listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I/We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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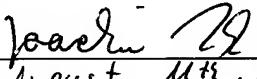
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